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TESS! WAS TELLING THE TRUTH
WHEN HE SAID HE HAD A NUCLEAR
DEVICE HIDDEN IN THIS PHONY
JUNGLE OF HIS ...

ONLY KNOWING THAT MY
DEATH WAS TEN MINUTES
BEHIND HIS, COULD
MAKE HIM SO SMUG ...

... THERE'S NO WAY I CAN
FIND THE EXIT TO THIS
PLACE AND GET AWAY TO
SAFETY IN THAT TIME ...

... OF ALL THE WAYS
FOR ME TO DIE--
THIS ONE REALLY
MAKES ME MAD!

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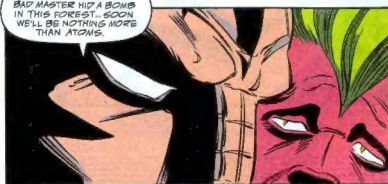
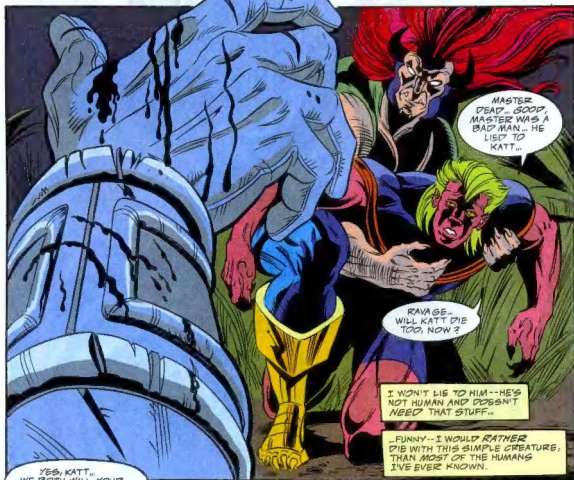
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KATT! YOU CARRIED THE BOMB! YOU HELPED HIDE IT? WHERE IS IT, KATT?

WE STILL HAVE A FEW MINUTES LEFT!

NO, RAVAGE... YOU HAVE TIME LEFT... KATT DIE ANYWAY... IS TRUE?



I STILL WON'T LIE... HE'S BEEN LIED TO ALL HIS LIFE. HE WILL AT LEAST DIE IN TRUTH.

YES, KATT. YOUR INJURIES ARE TOO BAD.

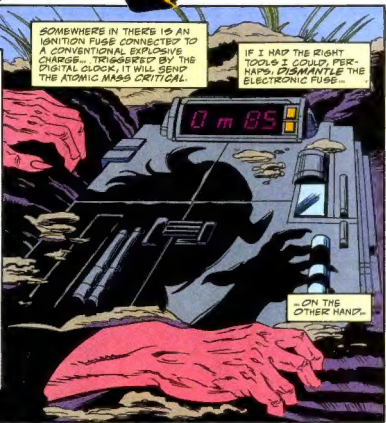


THE POISON IN THE BULLETS IS LETHAL TO YOU.



KATT KNOW HE'S DYING... FEELS IT COMING... RAVAGE GOOD MAN... NOT LIE TO KATT.

BOMB HERE... NEAR MASTER'S "KILL PLACE."



SOMEWHERE IN THERE IS AN IGNITION FUSE CONNECTED TO A CONVENTIONAL EXPLOSIVE CHARGE... TRIGGERED BY THE DIGITAL CLOCK, IT WILL SEND THE ATOMIC MASS CRITICAL.

IF I HAD THE RIGHT TOOLS I COULD, PERHAPS, DISMANTLE THE ELECTRONIC FUSE...

ON THE OTHER HAND...



...I'M DEAD ANYHOW!



NO BANG.



YYY-ES! WHAT DO YOU KNOW, KATT... WE'RE STILL ALIVE!



...KATT...?



THE LITTLE GUY'S FINALLY GONE.

THAT CRAZY HUNTER KNEW EXACTLY WHERE TO FIND ME--AND ABOUT MY ABILITY TO TRANSFORM.



SOMEONE ELSE WAS BEHIND HIM... AND THAT WEIRD DEATH FREAK WHO ATTACKED ME OUTSIDE THE RESTAURANT.

IF I HAVE TO RIP THE CITY APART, I'LL FIND OUT WHO IT IS!



BUT SIR...YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND--HE'S VERY ILL...QUESTIONING HIM COULD BE FATAL!

NO--IT'S YOU WHO DOESN'T UNDERSTAND...

HOSPITAL



...LET ME PUT IT TO YOU IN A WAY THAT A MEMBER OF THE "CARING PROFESSION" CAN UNDERSTAND...



...BRING HIM 'ROUND AND KEEP HIM ALIVE TO ANSWER ME...OR SYNTHIA PULLS OUR FUNDING OUT OF THIS FACILITY.

THREATENING THE HOSPITAL WILL NOT...



--AND YOU WILL END UP CHANGING DIAPERS IN A DEGEN REFUGE.

I HOPE YOU'RE RECEIVING MY TRANSMISSION ON THIS, DOC...?

I UNDERSTAND YOU PERFECTLY, GORI KINPA...

HAHAHA! WHERE...?

...HOWEVER, IT SEEMS NATURE IS DOING MY WORK FOR ME. MR DUPLIDGE IS COMING 'ROUND ALL BY HIMSELF.



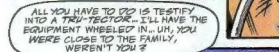
MR. DUDLEDGE... YOU MUSTN'T ATTEMPT TO RISE... YOU'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD... YOU DIED TWICE ON THE OPERATING TABLE... PLEASE--

DOC, I'M HEARING THE WRONG VOICE... NOW GO AND CHANGE SOME BANDAGES OR SOMETHING, OKAY?



NOW, ALEC, LISTEN TO ME... WE HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THE PERSON WHO ATTACKED YOU IS A MUTUAL ENEMY... IF YOU'RE WILLING TO HELP, WE CAN PUT HIM DOWN.

JUST TELL ME WHAT YOU REMEMBER.



ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TESTIFY INTO A TRU-TECTOR... I'LL HAVE THE EQUIPMENT WHEELED IN... UH, YOU WERE CLOSE TO THE FAMILY, WEREN'T YOU?

YEAH, SURE YOU WERE... I REMEMBER...



...YOU WERE SEEING HIS SISTER... ANYWAY, HERE'S SOME GRAP-YU-LIKE... SYNTHIA'S FINEST.



REMEMBER? I'LL NEVER FORGET! I SAW HIM CHANGE EVEN AS I WAS PUMPING BULLETS INTO HIM... HORNS GREW OUT OF HIS FACE... HAIR SPROUTED AND CLAWS CAME OUT OF HIS FINGER-TIPS LIKE SWITCH-BLADES...

I DON'T KNOW OR CARE WHO YOU ARE... BUT IF YOU'RE PAUL-PHILIP RAVAGE'S ENEMY-- I'LL DO ANYTHING I CAN.

IF WE CAN NAIL HIM WITH HIS FAMILY, HE'LL BE FINISHED, ALEC

YOU'D BETTER GET YOUR TRU-TECTOR IN QUICKLY... I DON'T THINK HE'S GOT LONG.





YOU'VE
GROWN,
DACK... THE
MUSCLES
SUIT
YOU...



RAVAGE! WHAT ARE YOU DOING
HERE? ARE YOU IN TROUBLE?
WHAT ARE YOU CARRYING?



IT'S OKAY,
KIDS... THIS IS
RAVAGE... HE'S A
FRIEND...

LISTEN, DACK...
I COULDN'T LEAVE THIS
KATT WHERE HE DIED...
IT'S A LONG STORY BUT
IT JUST DIDN'T FEEL
RIGHT...



...HE WAS AN INNOCENT
BEAST IN A SICK
HUMAN WORLD...

I-I DON'T KNOW
WHAT'S BEST FOR
KATT'S BODY... I
HOPED YOU
PEOPLE COULD...



DON'T WORRY, MAN...
WE'LL GIVE HIM A
FUNERAL ACCORDING
TO OUR CUSTOM.
BARRIO MAN
WILL SAY A
FEW WORDS...

...BUT
SPEAKING
OF BARRIO
MAN...

...YOU MUST STAY A
WHILE AND EAT WITH
US... HE'LL BE PLEASED
TO SEE YOU.



WHOA, SLOW
DOWN, FRIEND...
FIRST, NO-- I'M NOT
IN ANY TROUBLE
I CAN'T
HANDLE.

SECOND...
THIS CREATURE
IS CALLED KATT...
HE'S DEAD, AND HE'S
THE REASON
I'M HERE.



I
CAN'T
STAY,
DACK...

...I'VE GOT
A LOT OF
UNFINISHED
BUSINESS
WITH SOME
TRULY WARPED
PEOPLE!

I BETTER GET STRAIGHT TO MY OFFICE... FIND OUT WHAT'S BEEN GOING ON IN MY ABSENCE.

THE BUSINESS WITH DUPLEDGE WILL SURFACE AT SOME POINT... I BETTER GET MY ACT TOGETHER... EXPLAIN THINGS TO DAD AND THE REST.

GREEN GLOBE

HI, BRYAN.

ER, YEAH... HI, MR. RAVAGE.

MOM, SYLLA... WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON HERE?

WHAT AM I ACCUSED OF THIS TIME?

WHAT THE BLUE SHOCK IS GOING ON HERE...? THIS IS MY OFFICE, DAD!

IS THIS ANOTHER OF MIRANDA'S GAMES, OR WHAT?

SON, I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK YOU TO WAIT IN THE BOARDROOM... THESE ARE SPECIAL INVESTIGATORS... I'M SORRY, BUT I CALLED THEM IN.

OH, PAUL- PHILIP... WILL THIS FAMILY EVER KNOW PEACE?

BEST NOT SAY TOO MUCH, MRS. RAVAGE... WE'VE BEEN WARNED HE MIGHT GET VIOLENT.

OKAY, SON... THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG... AS I PREDICTED, THERE WAS NOTHING INCRIMINATING IN YOUR OFFICE.

THIS ALL SMACKS OF ANOTHER CONSPIRACY TO TOPPLE YOU. BUT THIS TIME THEY HAVE SOME REALLY CONVINCING EVIDENCE.



GET THAT THING SET UP,
AND WE'LL ALL HAVE A
LOOK...

MOST OF THE EVIDENCE
AGAINST YOU HAS BEEN BROUGHT
BY DARRIUS RUSH, THE HEAD OF
SYNTHIA, AND HIS ASSOCIATES...
IT'S MOSTLY CIRCUMSTANTIAL
STUFF AND OBVIOUSLY
FAKED HOVOS...

...BUT THIS IS ALEC
DUPLEDGE...I WOULD
NOT TAKE HIS ENVIOUS
RANTINGS
SERIOUSLY...

...BUT THIS WAS
RECORDED BY A TRU-
TECTOR AND CHECKED
BY MY OWN
TECHNICIANS.

MY NAME IS
ALEC DUPLEDGE. PARENTS:
TATIANA IZUKIO AND HENRI
DUPLEDGE... CREDIT REF:
B640533-KX-10012, STATUS
PLATINUM...

LET ME FIRST GET SOMETHING
OUT OF THE WAY--YES, I HAVE
CONSPIRED FALSELY TO HAVE PAUL-
PHILIP PUT AWAY IN A PSYCHIATRIC
FACILITY... AND I ALSO THREATENED
HIM WITH A GUN JUST BEFORE HE
ATTACKED ME...

STATEMENT
FALSE!



STATEMENT
TRUE!

ALL RIGHT, I SHOT
HIM! I KEPT SHOOTING
AND THE BULLETS SLAMMED
INTO HIM... ENOUGH TO KILL
A GRAV-BALL
TEAM...! BUT
HE DIDN'T
DIE!

HE-HE TRANSFORMED BEFORE
MY VERY EYES... EVEN AS THE BULLETS
WERE RIPPING INTO HIM, HE HEALED
INSTANTLY AND CHANGED INTO A
HIDEOUS, HORNED BEAST...

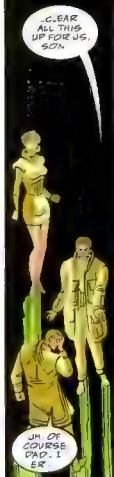
...GREAT CLAWS SPRANG OUT
OF HIS FINGERTIPS! HE STARTED
RIPPING INTO ME-- TEARING
AND SLICING...

...HE HAD
SLAVERING JAWS... HIS
EYES WERE LIKE SOME
EVIL PREDATOR
THAT--



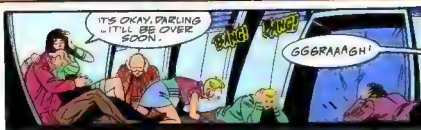
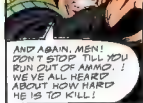
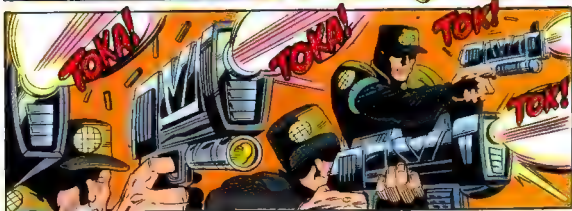
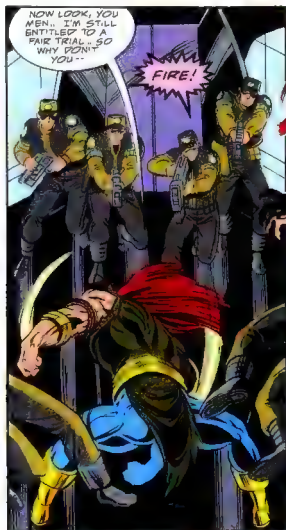
"STOP...!
I THINK
WE'VE
HEARD
ENOUGH!"















I COULD GET USED TO THIS...
NO MORE HURRIED CHANGES
IN CLOSETS. NO MORE
WATCHING WHAT I SAY...

THIS IS RIDICULOUS...
JUST BECAUSE I
LOOK DIFFERENT

I SWEAR I WOULD
NEVER HAVE ACTED
LIKE THEY ARE BACK
IN THE DAYS WHEN
I WAS NORMAL...



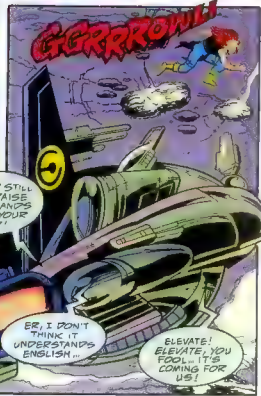
BACK
OFF,
HUMANS...
I'M DANGEROUS!



GRRROWL!
BRING OUT YOUR
CHILDREN...
I'M FEELING
HUNGRY!



JM, OH
FUN'S OVER

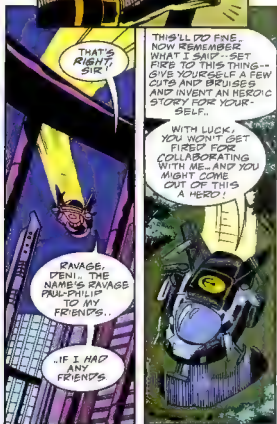
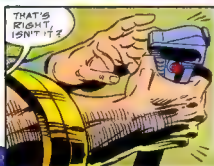


GRRRRROWL!

STAND STILL
AND RAISE
YOUR HANDS
OVER YOUR
HEAD!

ER, I DON'T
THINK IT
UNDERSTANDS
ENGLISH...

ELEVATE!
ELEVATE, YOU
FOOL... IT'S
COMING FOR
US!



DARRIUS, WHY DO WE HAVE TO DO BUSINESS HERE...? IT'S HARD ENOUGH RUNNING THINGS AS IT IS.

BECAUSE, KINDA... IF YOU PAID AS MUCH AS I HAD FOR THIS YOUNG BODY, YOU DON'T WANT TO SIT IT BEHIND A DESK!

WELL S.R. REPORTS TO THAT EFFECT ARE UNCONFIRMED AT PRESENT, BUT--

QUIET, GORI! WHAT'S THAT-- I THINK WE'VE GOT ONE!

AND SINCE WHEN HAVE YOU RUN ANYTHING HARDER THAN A BATH...?

I SUPPOSE YOUR "HUNTER" FRIEND FAILED TO NEUTRALIZE OUR RAVAGE PROBLEM...?

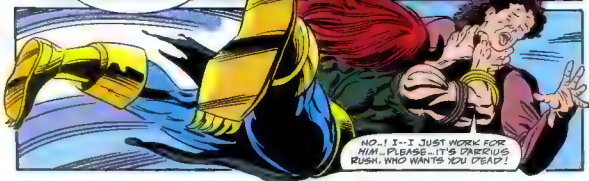
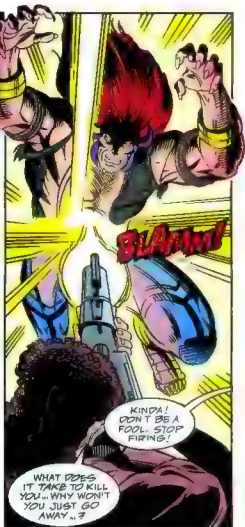
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. KINDA... IT'S ALL A HOLO-- IT TOOK SOME EFFORT TO PERSUADE YOUR HOLO-TECH TO WRITE ME INTO THE SCENARIO...

ABSOLUTE SILENCE NOW, KINDA. THIS IS THE CRITICAL MOMENT..

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "CRITICAL MOMENT"? FOR SHOCK-SAKE, DARRIUS! THIS IS A--

PRIORITY OVERRIDE! CODE PETER PAN! HOLO-PROGRAM STOP!

BUT I MUST SAY HE DID A REALLY GOOD JOB.





A TOUCHING DISPLAY
OF LOYALTY, GOR!
YOU'RE FIRED!

YOU'RE VERY COOL
FOR A MAN WHO'S
ABOUT TO DIE,
RISH



THE FACT THAT I'M STILL
ALIVE TELLS ME THAT,
LIKE MOST "HEROES", YOU
INTEND TO DELIVER A
SPEECH JUSTIFYING
YOUR ACTIONS FIRST



COME
WITH ME
RAVAGE

DESPITE MY APPARENT
YOUTH I'M ABOUT TWICE
YOUR AGE. I AM ALSO
ONE OF THE RICHEST
MEN IN THE
WORLD.



THAT'S VERY NICE
FOR YOU MAKE
THIS QUICK. MY
CLAWS ARE GET-
TING TCHY

MY POINT IS,
RAVAGE. MY SUCCESS
HAS NOT BEEN AN
ACCIDENT..

I HAVE GOT
WHERE I AM BY
HAVING AN ACUTE
SENSE OF THE
REALITY OF
HUMAN
NATURE



I AM SURE THAT YOUR MAGNIFICENT HORNS, CLAWS, AND TEETH ARE ACCOMPANIED BY SHARPLY HONED SENSES...

THE SENSES OF A PREDATOR-- PERFECTLY IN TUNE WITH HIS EQUALLY SAVAGE ENVIRONMENT...

...BUT LOOK AROUND YOU, WILD MAN... LOOK DOWN AT THE CITY BELOW!

YOU'RE IN THE WRONG JUNGLE! I'M THE PREDATOR HERE!

SO WHAT IF YOU'RE RIGHT? IT DOESN'T CHANGE SQUAT! YOU'RE STILL RUINING LIVES... POLLUTING THE ATMOSPHERE...

...YOU ARE STILL MY ENEMY, AND YOU MUST DIE!

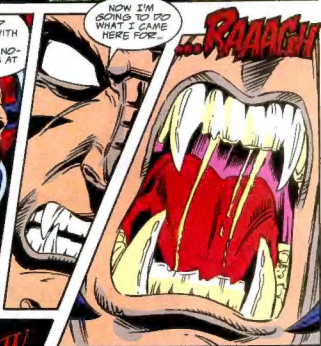
GO AHEAD-- THROW ME OVER THE SIDE! TRACK DOWN ALL THE BAD WIZARDS OF THE EVIL EMPIRE...! SAVE THE PEOPLE...!

DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND...?

THEY DON'T WANT TO BE SAVED! DO YOU THINK THEY'D LIVE LIKE THEY DO, IF IT WASN'T WHAT THEY REALLY WANTED? I DIDN'T CREATE THE JUNGLE, RAVAGE... I JUST LIVE IN IT THE BEST I CAN.

AND YOU DON'T BELONG HERE... IT'S YOU THAT'S WRONG!

THERE'S A LOT IN WHAT YOU SAY, RUSH... THE CITY'S NOT MY NATURAL HABITAT, I MAY HAVE TO LEAVE IT...



RANTS & RAVES

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Out Of My Head

Like I've been saying in the DOOM 2099 editorials, technology itself is nothing to be afraid of. It's the jokers who adept and use it that could use a talking to.

What constitutes a wise use and a poor use of technology?

Using a computer to make new movies starring Marilyn Monroe. This would be a poor use of technology.

Giving Space Ghost a talk show. This would be a poor use of technology.

Covering facial tissue with lotion so that when you have a cold and sneeze all day you don't rip your delicate nose to shreds. This would be a wise use of technology.

Everybody clear on this point?

Dear Rants & Raves,

I'm a fan of the 2099 series, and have every issue of SPIDER-MAN 2099 and RAVAGE 2099. They're great comics with strong storylines that display fantastic artistry. Unfortunately, these are the only titles in the 2099 series sold here, so I'm in the dark about DOOM 2099 and the others.

RAVAGE 2099 #17 was greatly impressive. Throwback's a great idea for a character: an equally powerful adversary with all his strengths and weaknesses.

I've come to a conclusion about the identity of Dethstryke. He's a normal human being in a mechanical suit of armor designed to filter the air of Hellrock so that he doesn't become a victim of the radiation. The gauntlets he wears simulate his powers. Before I leave, I have a list of recommendations.

- 1) Bring back Dethstryke.
- 2) Show more of Tiana (with her new powers, of course).
- 3) Have more of Throwback.
- 4) Don't do any short "Young Ravege" stories.

Jonathan Ball

(Address withheld by request)

Well, there goes the "Ravage at Riverdale High" series for 2099 UNLIMITED!

Dear Joey,

RE: RAVAGE 2099 #17.

Another short note just to let you guys know how you're doing. I must admit that when I heard Stan Lee would stop writing this book, you had me a wee bit worried, but now, about ten issues after the Men's

departure, I can safely say RAVAGE 2099 has taken an interesting new direction. (though completely different from what I would've expected from Stan Lee) and a truckload of new and intriguing supporting characters.

Only one aspect of the Paul-Philp Ravege character deserves more attention. The fact that when he's in animal mode his rational side can't control his bestial behavior makes for interesting reading, but Pat and Tony don't focus enough on that. Granted, this issue they devoted one panel to this aspect, but the truly devoted Ravege fan wants to see more. Show us the ramifications of Ravege's brutal and bestial behavior; show us the impact that violence has on the usually peace-loving Paul-Philp. This could be one heckuva storyline, fellas. Just consider it, okay?

As for the art, nothing but compliments can be awarded to Grant Miehm, who currently is showing his best work to date and quickly taking this book to unknown heights as far as the visual aspect of comic books is concerned. Keep the man around, you're lucky to have such a gifted artist in your midst.

Olav Beemer

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Pat and Tony must have read your mind, Olav, because they plan on focusing more on Ravege's bestial side in future issues.

Dear Rants & Raves,

I collect comics, but I've got to say that RAVAGE 2099 is the best, especially lately with villain after villain and tons of action. It was a great idea to have Ravege become a beast!

- 1) Will there ever be a Fantastic Four 2099?
- 2) Whatever happened to Deck?
- 3) Will there ever be a double-sized issue of RAVAGE 2099?

Jesus McKone

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- 1) If enough people ask for it.
- 2) As you've seen this issue, Deck is alive and well and living on a farming collective.
- 3) Check out issue #25, our Anniversary issue!

Dear Joey & Matt,

As a loyal fan of RAVAGE 2099 since issue #1, I felt I had to write in to let you guys know how I feel about the direction of the book. Though I've enjoyed the Throwback storyline a great deal, it's time for the beast-men to leave the big city. I for one would love to see more of the world of 2099. It would make for some great stories if Ravege were to leave behind his family and friends and head out on the road. Hey, maybe he could ride a futuristic motorcycle and call himself Easy Ravege 2099! Then again maybe not... Until Ravege shaves his head, make mine Marvel!

Kevin Winters

(Address withheld by request)

You, Olav, Pat and Tony are all on the same wavelength, Kevin! That's exactly what we'll be doing starting with issue #23.

MORE OF MARVEL 2099

Most of you guys are good about writing to us right away, as soon as you pick up the current issue. Great! While we love hearing from you anytime, there's nothing like the instant gratification of hearing from you all as soon as the book's hit the stands! Like we said, great!


As you've doubtless read elsewhere, we're tentatively planning DOUBLE-SIZED issues to celebrate our Anniversary. Meaning you'll get the usual action-packed adventures of DOOM, RAVAGE, SPIDEY 2099 and THE PUNISHER 2099, plus some new spin-off characters we're dyin' to try out! Who? We're leavin' that up to you!

So, like we said, the time to write us is now! We want your suggestions and we need 'em fast! If you ever thought your vote didn't matter or that we don't read the mail, guess again.

All right, you finished this leh, now go get a stamp!

NEXT ISSUE

We follow the readers consensus: Ravage strikes out on his own, with the aid of the most remarkable new supporting cast member you've never seen!



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Brotherhood

Join the fight for a better
tomorrow

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